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SUBJECT: EXIM BANK FINANCING FOR IRANIAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

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1. DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE AGAH IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY BASED ON REFTEL INFORMED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THAT OVERALL GOI POLICY STILL NOT RPT NOT SETTLED. DECISIONS CONCERNING IRAN RELIANCE ON EXIM FINANCING ARE NOW BEING MADE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND IN PAST WEEKS DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BOTH TO PAY CASH AND TO ACCEPT FINANCE PACKAGES INCLUDING EXIM.

2. DIVIDING LINE ON ACCEPTANCE FOREIGN FINANCING HAS BEEN SET AT SEVEN PERCENT INTEREST RATE FOR TIME BEING. HENCE EMBASSY UNABLE CONFIRM TOTALLY THAT EXIM WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ASKED TO FINANCE FUTURE PURCHASES.

3. CONCERNING GTE LOAN, AGAH UNINFORMED SINCE REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY COMMITMENTS ARE NOT RPT NOT CHECKED WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.

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4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS EXIM CONTINUE PRELIMINARY COMMIT-

MENT PROCEDURE FOR TIME BEING UNTIL GOI POLICY COMPLETELY
CLEAR.

5. CONCERNING MILITARY FINANCING, GENERAL TOUFANIAN
CALLED ECON COUNSELOR JULY 7 TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANY
FURTHER GUIDELINES HAD BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING WILLING-
NESS EXIM TO FINANCE PORTION OF MILITARY GOI PURCHASES.
WE TOLD GENERAL TOUFANIAN THAT BECAUSE OF LEGISLATIVE
PICTURE, EXIM AT THIS TIME APPEARED TO BE UNABLE TO
RESPOND FULLY TO GOI REQUEST BUT THAT AS SOON AS CONGRESS
HAD COMPLETED ACTION, WE WERE CERTAIN THAT EXIM WOULD
REPLY PROMPTLY.

6. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER PARA 5 IS ACCURATE PICTURE.
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